

Listing of Claims

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-39: Cancelled

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112 ~~claim 98~~, further comprising the step of determining ~~enabling the client to decide~~ which partners in the collaboration community are to be invited to become subscribing partners of the hosted enterprise solution.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the step of determining ~~enabling the client to decide~~ which partners in the collaboration community are to be invited to become subscribing partners comprises determining ~~enabling the client to decide~~ which partners are to be invited based on a standard and open policy provided by the service provider.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, wherein each subscribing partner is of one of two or more types of subscribing partners, each type of subscribing partners having different usage privilege of the hosted enterprise solution ~~with different users' privileges~~.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112 ~~claim 98~~, further comprising the step of determining ~~enabling the client to decide~~ which partners in the collaboration community are to be allowed to become subscribing partners.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein the step of determining ~~enabling the client to decide~~ which partners in the collaboration community are to be allowed to become subscribing partners comprises determining ~~enabling the client to decide~~ which partners based on a standard and open policy.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the step of generating a list of the partners that forms at least a portion of the collaboration community includes accommodating changes to how many partners comprise the collaboration community.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, wherein for one or more subscribing partners, the partner subscription fee and the value are different amounts.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of accounting for any partner in the collaboration community who changes its status in regards to being or not being one of the subscribing partners.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, wherein the host subscription fee is at least partially incurred by a partner who uses the hosted enterprise solution but does not pay the partner subscription fee.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, ~~wherein~~ further comprising the step of providing different usage privileges of the hosted enterprise solution facilitates collaboration privileges to the client, the subscribing partners and the non-subscribing partners.

Claims 52-55: (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of determining usage privileges enabling the client to restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise solution for the one or more subscribing partners based on inputs from the client.

57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of determining usage privileges enabling the client to restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise solution for the one or more non-subscribing partners based on inputs from the client.

Claims 58-97: Cancelled

98. (Currently Amended) A method for a service provider to enable cost-sharing of a host subscription fee to be incurred for by a client for [[a]] the client's use of a hosted enterprise solution by the client and the client's partners in a collaboration community, in which the client and its ~~collaboration~~ partners communicate among themselves online, where each partner is either a subscribing partner or a non-subscribing partner, the method executing an enterprise application through the use of a network enabled system to perform the steps comprising:

~~generating a list of the partners that forms at least a portion of the collaboration community;~~

determining a cost of the host subscription fee based in part by the use of the hosted enterprise solution by all the partners and the client of the collaboration community;

determining a value based on applying a predetermined function to a partner subscription fee paid by one or more subscribing partners for the subscribing partner's use of the hosed enterprise solution as part being in the collaboration community, ~~wherein the value indicates being a net saving to the host subscription fee for the client for using the hosted enterprise solution;~~

monitoring each subscribing partner in the portion of the collaboration community who ~~enrolls~~ pays a partner subscription fee for his use of the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community, the subscribing partner paying the partner subscription fee to contribute to the value being the net saving to the host subscription fee~~and thereby contributes to the value;~~

monitoring each non-subscribing partner in the portion of the collaboration community who does not ~~enroll~~ pay a partner subscription fee for his use of the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community, the non-subscribing partner affecting the cost of host subscription fee by his use of the hosted enterprise solution while not contributing to the value~~and thereby does not contribute to the value;~~ and

updating the client's host subscription fee based at least in part on the value

99. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112 ~~claim 98~~, further comprising the step of determining enabling the client to decide which partners in the list of partners collaboration community are not to be invited to become subscribing partners of the hosted enterprise solution.

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of communicating the balance of the host subscription fee to the client over the network.

101. (Cancelled)

102. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40 ~~claim 98~~, further comprising the step of tracking partners invited to become subscribing partners who[[that]] decline subscriptions.

103. (Cancelled)

104. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112 ~~claim 98~~, further comprising the step of generating invitations to all the partners in the list to be invited to become subscribing partners~~whom the client wishes to pay the subscription fees.~~

105. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of tracking the host subscription fee as it is modified by the value contributed to by a given subscribing ~~subscription fee of a given~~ partner.

106. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112 ~~claim 98~~, further comprising the step of modifying the list of the partners in the collaboration community based on inputs from the client ~~allowing the client to modify a collaboration community membership that the client defines.~~

107. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of determining usage privileges ~~allowing the client to restrict rights of usage~~ of the hosted enterprise solution of the one or more partners in its collaboration community based on inputs from the client.

108. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the hosted enterprise solution comprises a data-exchange enterprise collaboration software solution.

109. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the hosted enterprise solution comprises a document workflow enterprise collaboration software solution.

110. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the host subscription fee is at least partially incurred by the client for using the hosted enterprise solution.

111. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 99, wherein the step of ~~determining enabling~~ comprises ~~determining enabling the client to decide~~ which partners in the collaborating community are not to be invited based on a standard and open policy.

112. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising prior to determining a cost of the host subscription fee, generating a list of the partners that forms at least a portion of the collaboration community.